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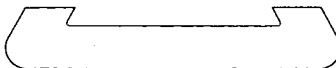
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OFFLOADING OF SA-5-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT  
NIKOLAYEV PORT FACILITIES SOUTH, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SA-5 SAM-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT IS BEING OFFLOADED FROM A BEZHITSA/POLTAVA-CLASS MERSHIP. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: TWO MISSILE CANISTERS WITH FIN CRATES AND A COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS VAN HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HOLDS OF THE SHIP SINCE YESTERDAY. AN INCREASE IN SA-5-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT ON THE SOUTH MOLE, AND THE MOVEMENT OF SA-5 EQUIPMENT FROM THE SOUTH MOLE TO TWO RAIL SIDINGS WITHIN THE FACILITY, INDICATES THAT THIS EQUIPMENT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN OFFLOADED FROM THE MERSHIP. TWO SEPARATE TRAINS (NOT ON GRAPHIC) CONTAINING NINE SA-5 MISSILE/CANISTER TRANSPORTERS AND OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT ARE ON RAIL SIDINGS AWAY FROM THE MOLE. THESE TRAINS, WITH THE SA-5-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, WERE PARKED ALONGSIDE THE BEZHITSA/POLTAVA [REDACTED] A THIRD TRAIN, PARKED ALONGSIDE THE MERSHIP [REDACTED] CONTAINS TWO CLAM SHELL RADAR, THE TWO SA-5 MISSILE CANISTERS WITH FIN CRATES, THE COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS VAN TRAILER, AND SIX SUPPORT VEHICLES. THE SA-5 MISSILE CANISTERS WITH FIN CRATES AND THE COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS VAN TRAILER WERE IN THE HOLD OF THE SHIP [REDACTED] AND THE TWO CLAM SHELL RADAR WERE ON THE MOLE. TWO TRANSPORTABLE ELECTRONICS TOWERS (TET) ARE ON A FLOATING BARGE CRANE ON THE SEAWARD SIDE OF THE MERSHIP AND PROBABLY HAVE ALSO BEEN OFFLOADED [REDACTED] (SWN)

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THE REASON FOR OFFLOADING THE SA-5 EQUIPMENT IS UNCLEAR, BUT AT LEAST TWO POSSIBILITIES EXIST. THE SHIP MAY HAVE EXPERIENCED MECHANICAL PROBLEMS, AND THE EQUIPMENT HAD TO BE OFFLOADED, OR THE EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE RETURNED FROM SYRIA THE ONLY COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE WARSAW PACT/MONGOLIA WHICH HAS OPERATIONAL SA-5 SAM COMPLEXES. NO RECENT IMAGERY HAS BEEN ACQUIRED OF THE SA-5 FACILITIES IN SYRIA WHICH WOULD CONFIRM A REMOVAL. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] CCORDINATES 46-49-57N 031-56-57E

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